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Government of India
Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

92, Parliament House
New Delhi-110001.

Dated. 12.05.2009

To

The Chief Secretary/Administrator
Government of

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India has been providing financial assistance to the states/Union Territories for organising 'Youth Parliament Competitions' in the recognized High/Higher Secondary Schools. The 14th All India Whips Conference held at Mumbai on 4-5 February, 2008 had recommended *inter alia* that the quantum of assistance provided by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs should be increased in the following order –

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| (a) Legislatures having members up to 100 | Rs. 3 Lacs p.a. |
| (b) Legislatures having members between 100-200 | Rs. 4 Lacs p.a. |
| (c) Legislatures having members above 200 | Rs. 5 Lacs p.a. |

(the ceiling in respect of UTs having no legislatures may remain unchanged i.e. Rs. 2,00,000/- per Union Territory per annum)

The matter has been examined by the Government of India in consultation with Ministry of Finance and it has been decided to enhance the financial assistance as recommended by 14th All India Whips Conference from the current financial year i.e. 2009 - 2010.

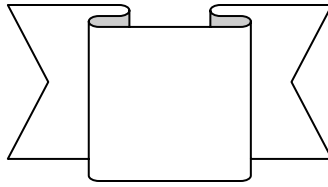
2. A copy of the scheme of financial assistance is enclosed. It is requested that the proposals for reimbursement of expenses incurred in the conduct of the competitions may be forwarded to this Ministry only as per format prescribed at Annexure – III to the Scheme, to enable this Ministry to process the claims expeditiously. The original vouchers/Bills need not be furnished to this Ministry at the time of preferring claim for reimbursement.

3. The detail of the revised financial assistance scheme is also available in official website i.e. www.mpa.nic.in.

4. This issue with the approval of Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

Yours faithfully,

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**SCHEME
OF
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
TO
STATES/UNION TERRITORIES
FOR
ORGANISING
YOUTH PARLIAMENT COMPETITIONS**

**MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

2009

SCHEME OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATE GOVERNMENTS/ UNION TERRITORIES FOR ARRANGING 'YOUTH PARLIAMENT COMPETITIONS' IN RECOGNISED HIGH/HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE STATES/UNION TERRITORIES

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INTRODUCTION

The idea of organising "Youth Parliaments' in educational institutions was conceived by the Fourth All India Whips Conference held at Bombay in 1962 which made, inter-alia, the following recommendation:-

"This Committee recommends that Government should encourage holding of Mock Parliament in educational institutions and through Panchayats in rural areas."

The above recommendation was reiterated by the Fifth All India Whips Conference held at Bangalore in 1966 in the following terms:-

"The Conference observes that the Fourth All India Whips Conference held at Bombay had recommended holding of Mock Parliaments in village Panchayats for prompting awareness of the role of representative institutions. The recommendation has not been implemented in some of the States. The Conference reiterates that the State Governments concerned should be persuaded to reconsider their decisions."

In pursuance of the above recommendations, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs drew up a detailed Scheme of Mock Parliament (now "Youth Parliament") Competitions and decided to introduce it on an experimental basis in the Higher Secondary Schools of Delhi. The Sixth and Seventh All India Whips' Conferences held at Shimla in 1967 and at Madras in 1969 respectively made the following recommendations:-

"While appreciating the work done by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs with regard to promotion of 'Youth Parliament' in Schools in Delhi, the Conference recommends very strongly that the States should also arrange to introduce the Scheme in their respective State (6th AIWC),"

"Keeping in view the successful execution of the 'Mock Parliament' Scheme in Delhi Schools, the wider appreciation it received from leading Parliamentarians, the Press and Educationists and with a view to build a strong Parliamentary System in the country, the Conference strongly recommends that:-

- (a) All the States/Union Territories should take steps to implement the Scheme in their respective State/Union Territory on the pattern adopted by the Central Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs;
- (b) The Central Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs should provide all encouragement to the States/Union Territories for introducing the Scheme by offering financial assistance, if necessary; and
- (c) The Central Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs should also organise inter-State Competitions of the States/Union Territories which have started implementation of the Scheme (7th AIWC)."

In pursuance of part (b) of the above recommendation; made by the 7th All India Whips Conference, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India have drawn this scheme of financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territories for arranging Youth Parliament Competitions in Recognised Higher Secondary Schools in the States/Union Territories.

1. **OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME**:- With a view to strengthen the roots of democracy, inculcate healthy habits of discipline, tolerance of views of others and to enable the student community to have better awareness about the working of Parliament, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs , Government of India, have been holding annually a competition of "Youth Parliament" of such of the recognized educational institutions in Delhi as may like to take part in it and are sponsored by the Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi, Delhi. The Objective of the scheme is to give financial assistance to the State Governments/Governments of Union Territories to organize similar competitions in their recognized schools.

2. **OPERATION OF THE SCHEME**:- The Scheme will be operated by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs of the State/UT Government concerned in collaboration with Director of Education/Public Institution of the State/Union Territory concerned. In a State/Union Territory, where there is no Department of Parliamentary Affairs, the scheme will be operated directly by the Directorate of Education/Public Institutions.

3. **ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY INTO THE COMPETITION**:- All recognized Higher Secondary educational institutions/high schools in the State/UT concerned may be considered eligible to take part in the competition. The list of participating schools will be finalized by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs or the Directorate of Education/Public Institutions of the State/UT concerned as the case may be, by the 31st of March every year.

4. **PERIOD DURING WHICH THE COMPETITION OF YOUTH PARLIAMENT WILL BE HELD :-** The Competition of 'Youth Parliament' will be held every year. The detailed programme shall be drawn up by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs/Directorate of Education/Public Institutions of the State/UT concerned and circulated to the institutions taking part in the annual competition, under intimation to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.
5. **NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT:-** The number of students constituting the 'Youth Parliament' in each school is not limited. However, since it is desirable that there should be a limit in regard to the duration of the sitting it would naturally mean that many of the participants may only have nominal sitting roles to convey the picture of a House and may not be required to speak.
6. **DURATION OF THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT SESSION:-** The duration of the Youth Parliament sitting should not be more than an hour and out of this about 20 minutes may be devoted to questions.
7. **SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION FOR THE SITTINGS OF THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT :-** It is not proposed to prescribe any particular subjects for questions and answers or other discussion. It would however, be desirable that the matters raised in the Youth Parliament relate to subjects of welfare activity, defence of the country, social justice, social reforms, economic development, communal harmony, health, student discipline etc.
8. **LANGUAGE:-** The participants can speak in Hindi or English or the regional language to be specified by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs/Directorate of Education/Public Institutions of the State/UT concerned.
9. **VENUE OF THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT:-** Each institution shall hold the Youth Parliament sitting in its own building as far as possible or such other place of its choice as it may like. The competing institutions shall be required to intimate the venue of their sittings along with the information regarding subjects for discussion ten days before the date of the competition to the Department of Parliamentary Affairs/Directorate of Education/Public Institutions of the State/UT concerned.
10. **PRIZES:-** There will be the following prizes –
- (i) Shield (Parliamentary Shield) for the institution standing first in the competition.
 - (ii) Trophies for the first five institutions for meritorious performance in the competition, on the basis of the order of merit.
 - (iii) Individual merit prizes in the shape of Medals/Cups/Books for some selected participants from each institution. The total number of prizes should not exceed 80.

- (iv) Miscellaneous expenditure.

NOTE:- The Department of Parliamentary Affairs/Directorate of Education/Public Institutions of the State/UT concerned may vary the expenditure on each of the above four items to suit local conditions. The maximum amount reimbursable annually by the Government of India, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs will, however, not exceed as mentioned in para 15 of the scheme.

The shield will be a running shield to be retained for a period of one year by the institution which stands first in the competition. However, if a particular institution wins the shield for three consecutive years, it will be kept permanently by that institution.

A certificate as in **Annexure-I** may be issued to all the institutions who take part in the competition.

A certificate as in **Annexure-II** may be issued to all the students who win individual merit prizes in the competition.

11. **COMMITTEE OF JUDGES:-** The Committee of judges for evaluating the performances of the individual institutions shall be constituted by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs/Directorate of Education/Public Institutions of the State/UT concerned and may consist of educationists/Members of Legislative Assembly/Council and others connected with the running of Parliamentary Institutions. An officer of the Directorate of Education/Public Institution shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee.

12. **CONSIDERATIONS FOR DRAWING UP THE MERIT LIST :-** The Committee of judges shall keep in view the following points while assessing the performance of institutions:-

	<u>Marks</u>
(i) Discipline and decorum	10
(ii) Observance of Parliamentary Procedures	20
(iii) Selection of subjects for questions; for supplementaries and quality of answers thereto.	20
(iv) Selection of subjects for the debates	10
(v) Delivery of and quality of speeches delivered and standard of debates.	30
(vi) General assessment of the performance as a whole	10

Total:	100

13. **REPEAT PERFORMANCE**:- The institution standing first in the competition may be required to give a repeat performance at a venue and date to be decided by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs/Directorate of Education/Public Institutions of the State/UT concerned at the time of Prize Distribution Function of the Competition which would be held at the conclusion of each year's competition.

14. **REPORT**:- The Department of Parliamentary Affairs/Directorate of Education/Public Institutions of the State/UT concerned will at the conclusion of the competition, prepare a **Report in the proforma prescribed at Annex -III**, indicating the number of schools which participated including first five on the basis of the order of merit, number of individual merit prizes etc. The Report will clearly and separately indicate the amount reimbursable to the State/UT Government by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India. The report will be signed by a representative of the Department in-charge of the scheme in the State/UT concerned, not below the rank of Deputy Secretary. Full instructions about the payment in whose favour the cheque is to be drawn and the Head of Account etc. may be indicated clearly.

The Report, in the prescribed should be sent to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi along-with the request for financial assistance under the scheme.

15. **LIMIT OF REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURE** :- The actual expenditure incurred by the State/UT will be reimbursed by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India on the basis of the Report, subject to the following ceilings:

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**GOVERNMENT OF STATE/UT
DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS/NODAL
OFFICE/DIRECTORATE**

“ YOUTH PARLIAMENT COMPETITION”

This is to certify that _____ (name of the school) _____
participated in the ‘ Youth Parliament’ Competition held in the year
_____, under the auspices of the Government of India,
Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, New Delhi.

**COMPETENT AUTHORITY
DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS/NODAL
OFFICE/DIRECTORATE**

**GOVERNMENT OF STATE/UT
DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS/NODAL
OFFICE/DIRECTORATE**

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“YOUTH PARLIAMENT COMPETITION”

This is to certify that _____
student of _____ class of _____
School, was awarded _____ prize for his/her meritorious performance in the
_____ Youth Parliament Competition held in the year _____
under the auspices of the Government of India, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs,
New Delhi.

**COMPETENT AUTHORITY
DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS/NODAL
OFFICE/DIRECTORATE**

REPORT OF THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT COMPETITION HELD DURING THE YEAR -----
----- BY THE GOVERNMENT OF STATE/UT* --REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE

1.	NAME OF THE STATE/UT:		
2.	FINANCIAL YEAR IN WHICH THE COMPETITION WAS HELD AND FOR WHICH THE CLAIM FOR RE-IMBURSEMENT IS MADE:		
3.	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT COMPETITION:		
4.	TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE COMPETITION:		
5.	NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL MERIT PRIZES WON BY STUDENTS IN THE COMPETITION:		
6.	NAME OF THE SCHOOLS WITH ADDRESSES WHO SECURED FIRST FIVE POSITIONS IN THE STATE LEVEL COMPETITION IN ORDER OF MERIT:		
7.	AMOUNT CLAIMED BY THE STATE/UT GOVERNMENT		
	ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE	TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT	AMOUNT CLAIMED
	<u>ON ORIENTATION COURSE</u>		.
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	<u>ON ORGANISING YOUTH PARLIAMENT COMPETITION</u> 1. 2. .		
	<u>ON PRIZE DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION</u> 1. 2. .		
8.	DETAILS WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN WHOSE FAVOUR THE CHEDUE IS TO BE DRAWN ALONGWITH NAME/ADDRESS/TEL.NOS. AND HEAD OF ACCOUNT		

It is hereby certified that:

1. The Youth Parliament Competition was conducted in the Schools as indicated above.
2. The reimbursement of expenditure claimed has been verified with the original vouchers and found to be correct.

(NAME)
DESIGNATION
(TO BE SIGNED BY AN OFFICER NOT BELOW THE RANK OF DEPUTY SECRETARY)
STATE/UT GOVERNMENT
ADDRESS
TELE. NO./EMAIL. ID

N.B.

Orientation Course means a course conducted by the nodal State/UT authority for benefit of teachers-in-charge/Education Officers of the Youth Parliament Competition. Expenses would be in the nature of literature/stationary distributed to the participants.

Organising Youth Parliament Competition means expenditure incurred for conducting the competition which may include expenses incurred for refreshments, transportation of participating students, prizes etc.

Prize Distribution Function means a function held for distributing prizes/shields to State level Prize winner etc, which may include expenses incurred for prizes in the form of books, memento's, certificates, shields etc. to the meritorious schools and students.

(Expenditure on TA/DA to teachers/officers should not be included in the claim for reimbursement.)

*To be filled and sent by the State/UT Government on conclusion of the Youth Parliament Competition as per para 14 of the " Scheme of Financial Assistance to States/UTs" for re-imbusement on expenses incurred for the Competition

